

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Achtermann et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2157**
Serial No.: **09/438,436** § Examiner: **Todd, Gregory G.**
Filed: **November 12, 1999** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS919990655US1**
For: **Apparatus for Connection
Management and the Method Therefor** §

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of January 11, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.